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Frank J. Fabin

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In response to a first Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, carrying a shortened statutory period of response which is currently set to expire on December 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the second full paragraph on page 10 (the paragraph beginning with "As shown in FIG. 6, in Group III embodiments ...") with the following paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 6, in Group III embodiments the common component 242 comprises a facial lens 244 coupled with a full facepiece seal 246. A user can further couple a hood 248 with the lens 244 without having to remove the full facepiece seal 246. This is accomplished by superpositioning the hood 248 over the full facepiece seal 246. The result is a respirator 250 comprising a hood 248 fitted with a full facepiece seal 246 as shown in FIG. 7. This superpositioning of a hood over and a full facepiece seal can be done in several different ways as described above. In one preferred embodiment, for example, the full facepiece seal 246 is preferably coupled to the lens 244 using a lens

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